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September 26, 1968

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director
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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

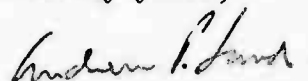
In the absence of Bishop Swanstrom, I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter of September 20th, 1968, to him, with the enclosed check in the amount of \$20,000.00.

First of all, in the name of Bishop Swanstrom as well as my own and that of our agency, I wish to extend our deepest sense of gratitude for the very generous donation you have made in behalf of the suffering Biafrans whom we are trying to serve. In line with our telephone conversation of yesterday, it is my understanding that it is no longer possible to make use of your donation for a flight of medicines from Portugal to Biafra, we may use this sum in another part of our welfare efforts in behalf of the Biafrans.

In regard to a formal ceremony for the presentation of the check, I am quite sure Bishop Swanstrom will be only too pleased to cooperate. However, he is not expected to return to the United States much before October 10th. If you wish to have this ceremony before his return and I can act as a substitute, I will be more than pleased to cooperate.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Andrew P. Landi



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James MacCracken, Executive Director

September 26, 1968

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New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

On behalf of Church World Service and particularly on behalf of the victims of starvation in Nigeria and Biafra, may I express our very sincere appreciation through you to the twenty-one National Jewish organizations who have cooperated in the American Jewish Emergency Effort for Biafran relief for the generous support you have made available to our Program.

I have had the pleasure of informing our colleagues in the Scandanivan Protestant Church organization known as NORDCHURCH-AID that the American Jewish Committee was providing funds to cover the cost of two days of the air bridge into Biafra, and have a report as recently as this morning that NORDCHURCHAID continues to shuttle its five planes into Biafra after night-fall, averaging a minimum of nine flights per night, with ten tons of medicine and high protein food on each flight.

May I also take this opportunity to express to you, Rabbi Tanenbaum, and to Mr. Morris B. Abram, Chairman of the Jewish Emergency Effort, and to Mr. Bertram H. Gold, Executive Vice-President of the American Jewish Committee, our deep appreciation for the compassionate assistance and the priority which you have given to the alleviation of starvation in Nigeria and Biafra.

At a moment appropriate to Mr. Morris B. Abram, I would welcome an opportunity to participate in a ceremony at which Mr. Abram would officially present the check to Church World Service which you have been foresighted and generous enough to enclose with your letter, so that we could get on with the use of this very significant support. If you will let me know at what point it would be convenient to you and to Mr. Abram, I will make every effort to be with you so that I may extend the appreciation of Church World Service in a more personal way to both of you.

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James MacCracken", written over a horizontal line.

James MacCracken
Executive Director

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September 25, 1968

Most Rev. Francis P. Leipzig
Bishop of Baker
Catholic Diocese of Baker
P. O. Box 879
Baker, Oregon

My dear Bishop Leipzig:

In behalf of the American Jewish Emergency Effort for Biafran Relief and for myself personally, I wish to thank you most heartily for your generous personal contribution to our Biafran Relief program.

Your gesture is both symbolically and substantively meaningful to us, and we wish you to know of our appreciation.

As you may know, we are cooperating actively with Bishop Swanstrom of the Catholic Relief Services and the Rev. Dr. James Mac Cracken of Church World Service. We have made available checks to both of these great bodies in an amount that enabled us to send 200 tons of food and medicines to Biafra last week.

Incidentally, I regret very much that it was not possible for me to meet with you during your last visit to New York. I did try to reach you by telephone at the Hotel Biltmore, but unfortunately was not able to reach you. I do hope we will meet in the near future.

Again, with deep appreciation and best wishes, I am

Faithfully,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director
Interreligious Affairs Department

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